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**BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

**[Docket No.: CFPB-2016-0042]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) is requesting a new information collection titled, “Application Forms for Financial Empowerment Partnerships.”

**DATES:** Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]** to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- Electronic: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

*Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided.

Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435-9575, or email: [CFPB\\_PRA@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov). *Please do not submit comments to this mailbox.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Application Forms for Financial Empowerment Partnerships.

*OMB Control Number:* 3170-0NEW.

*Type of Review:* New collection (Request for a new OMB Control Number).

*Affected Public:* Private Sector (e.g., community-based organizations and national non-profit organizations), State, Local, or Tribal Governments, and Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 285.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,625.

*Abstract:* The Bureau's Office of Financial Empowerment (Empowerment) is responsible for developing strategies to improve the financial capability of low-income and economically vulnerable consumers, such as consumers who are unbanked or underbanked, those with thin or no credit file, and households with limited savings. To address the needs of these consumers, Empowerment has developed three initiatives that target intermediary organizations and provide tools, training, technical assistance, and other services to help them reach low-income and economically vulnerable consumers to provide them the financial empowerment tools and information that they need, when they need it, where they are. These initiatives: (1) Your Money,

Your Goals, (2) Financial Coaching, and (3) Tax Time Savings all require Bureau to engage organizations to participate in our financial empowerment initiatives. The proposed information collection request consists of application forms that will be used by community-based organizations, local, State, or Federal government entities, and national non-profit organizations to indicate their desire and ability to participate in Empowerment's various initiatives.

Empowerment will use the information provided in these applications to select the best qualified organizations for participation.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 18, 2016.

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